Regional Office of the Anthropological Survey of India

2700. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for the establishment of Regional Office of the Anthropological Survey of India;

(b) whether Orissa, which is predomonantly tribal majority State, does not fulfil the above criteria;

(c) whether Government propose to set a regional office of the Anthropological Survey of India in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The criterion is to establish offices on regional basis at a central place for the States in the region.

(b) Orissa is covered by the Eastern Regional Office of the Anthropological Survey of India at Calcutta.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

National Institute for Research on Jainism and Budhism

2701. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider to establish a national institute to undertake research studies on Jainism and Budhism in Orissa;

(b) what action Government have taken to reserve the Jain and Budhist sculptures and monuments in Orissa; and

(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) There is no proposal to establish a national institute for research in Jainism or Budhism in Orissa.

(b) The rock-cut Jain Caves at Udayagiri and Khandagiri, District Puri and the Buddhist structures at Lalitgiri, Udayagiri and Ratnagiri District Cuttack have been taken under the protection of the Government of India and declared as monuments of Natonal Importance. A museum at Ratnagiri to house the sculptures excavated from the Buddhist site is under construction. Meanwhile, the sculptures are kept in safe custody in the sculpture-sheds at the site of Lalitgiri.

(c) Does not arise.

Communal riots

2702. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places where communal riots took place during the last six months from February to July, 1985;

(b) the total loss of life, property and persons injured in each incident;

(c) the number of persons arrested and prosecuted in each of the above cases;

(d) the extent and nature of relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken in each case; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (d) A statement on the basis of the information available, is attached herewith.